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Mr. Peter Douglas Executive Director California Coastal Commission 631 Howard Street Fourth Floor San Francisco, CA 94105

> Re: Black Tor Corporation Application No. 5-89-1197

Dear Mr. Douglas:

We are disturbed by Mr. Horne's letter with respect to his request that you delay any settlement with Black Tor Corporation.

While we share Mr. Horne's concerns with respect to the subject easement, our client is chafing at the delay in either resolving this problem or once again appearing before the Commission and then, if necessary, completing the pending court proceeding.

We understand from Bill Allyaud that the Coastal Conservancy is about to sign a contract with an outside

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contractor to investigate the feasibility of the Wildman-Chiate easement. We trust that will take place promptly and that the investigation will be completed promptly. If that investigation discloses that the easement is feasible then, dependent upon cost, our client is prepared to proceed as we have discussed and to pay for the construction of that easement.

On the other hand, if construction of the easement is not feasible, then our client is prepared, alone or in conjunction with others, to contribute to a fund or obtain other needed facilities to enhance the public's use of the beaches. However, as I have said, our client is chafing at the time being taken to resolve this matter.

We understand that Bill Allyaud is leaving the employ of the Coastal Commission. We would appreciate your appointing another person to shepherd the resolution of this matter in the earliest possible time. Please advise who that person will be.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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